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Success Stories from the Field

Riceville Locker

Iowa Center for Industrial Research and Service

Riceville Locker Rebuilds Plant with Assistance from CIRAS

Client Profile:

Riceville Locker is a meat processing locker located in Riceville, Iowa. The company employs 5 people.

Situation:

Riceville Locker suffered a fire in the fall of 2008 that destroyed their facility. After meeting with the City and their investors, Riceville Locker decided to build a new plant to replace the 1940s plant that was destroyed. The new plant would have to be built to current regulatory standards, and the company contacted the Iowa Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS), a NIST MEP network affiliate, for assistance.

Solution:

CIRAS and their partner, the Iowa State University Meats Laboratory, along with Howard County Iowa State Extension Office and the Iowa Meat Processors Association provided assistance and advice on building the new facility. Plant flow, building layout, and building design were all very important aspects that were taken into consideration to help Riceville Locker in their project. As a result of CIRAS's assistance, a new plant was built and opened in November 2009.

Results:

- * Retained sales of \$300,000.
- * Realized \$10,000 in cost savings.
- * Invested \$1million in new facility.
- * Created 2 jobs.
- * Retained 7 jobs.

Testimonial:

"Without the assistance and advice from CIRAS and Iowa State University staff, we wouldn't have been successful in building our new plant."

Merrill Angell, President